

deerfield village news

THE VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY
Dedicated to the residents of Deerfield Village

AUGUST 2007



*Deadline for September
Newsletter:*

August 15th

*Submit articles and ads to
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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday– Friday
8:30AM –2:30 PM

President's Report

By Glenn Sommers

Hope you are all having a great summer!! It's good to be able to slow down a bit and take a break – hope you have all been able to do that. Things have slowed down a bit at DVCA as well, but will pick up again when school starts. Now if the rains will only slow down a bit too – although a few positives of the rain are lower water and electric bills and that the pool still feels cool (as of mid- July) instead of like a bath.

The rains have also brought a lot of mosquitoes, and mosquito control has been a hot topic of late. The Community Services Committee had done a study in the past on the effectiveness of mosquito spraying, determined that it's not that effective, and decided to end spraying. Due to the number of calls and complaints about no spraying, the board decided to authorize a two month (Aug/Sep) mosquito control trial to see whether mosquito control makes a difference. In late September or early October a forum will be provided to get member feedback so a decision can be made about what the future plans around mosquito control should be. So be ready to give us your input in the fall.

Our open Trustee position has been filled so the board is back to full strength. Walter Bohn is the new Trustee and will be the Board rep for the Security Committee. Welcome Walt!!

We continue to have some vandalism problems involving spray paint (probably done by bored children). Please be aware that the board is discussing a zero-tolerance policy with respect to these types of things and that some of the "tagging" has moved into the Hate Crimes area – which brings in the FBI. Make sure your children understand that this is very serious!!

Preparations for the 2008 budget have begun and the committees are starting to work on their plans for 2008. Now would be a good time to get involved in a committee and be part of the plans. Speaking of involvement, I could still use some more volunteers to help improve communications in DVCA. Let me now if you are interested. We'll be starting up after the summer ends.

Have you found YOUR place to be involved in DVCA yet? There are plenty of areas to be a part of and to get to know your neighbors better. If you have questions about how you can help, let us know. We're waiting for YOUR call!

Board Meeting



**Monday
August 27
7:30PM**

Committee Info

Do you like to Communicate?

If so, we need YOU! We want to improve communications in DVCA and need people like you with the skill to help produce the newsletter, manage the website, and generally improve communications in DVCA.

We hope to kick this effort off after the summer ends – so let us know if you want to be involved. If you have ideas, interest or skills that could help, please call the DVCA office or Glenn Sommers (281-855-7716).



Thanks!!

Financial Services Committee

Meets every Tuesday the week before the Board meeting at 7:30PM



Your Committee meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month to review the financial status of our community. We wish to bring to your attention some of the financial aspects of running Deerfield.

It's budget time. Over the next two months your committees will be putting forward their proposals for next year's expenditure. If you wish to have some input into the way Deerfield is run, now is a good time to be involved. Go visit those committees that match your interest. Contact the committee chairmen and make your views known.

The range of activities is wide from pool management, landscape and security contracts, to maintaining our capital assets like the Recreation center, the Tennis court and the swimming pool, green belt sidewalks and the Patio home streets.

Over the next three months we wanted to review with you how Deerfield finances work.

This month we will look at the monthly expenses for running Deerfield.

We budgeted for an overall expense of \$460668 for 2007 (\$38389 per month)

At June 30, we have spent \$239,193 (\$39865 per month) As you can see this is a little over the average. Like most Households we spend more in summer months than at other times and the budget for the six months to June reflects this at \$247256, So at the half year we are under budget which is good.

Next month we will discuss how we make provision for capital expenses that will occur in the future and follow up with how the assessments, that we as home owners pay, provide for that.

Come help us keep Deerfield a very special place in which to live



To catch or not to catch grass clippings, that is the question. Will grass clippings that are not bagged cause a problem with thatch? Not necessarily. Grass blades serve the same purpose as tree leaves, they store food for the plant. Mowing removes part of the plants source of food. Grass does not appreciate that and responds by regrowing the blades. By allowing the clippings fall rather than be bagged, the grass blades will decompose and return the food to the plant. This allows the plant to expend more of its energy growing deep, healthy roots rather than growing blades. Deep roots help the grass survive the stress of summer heat. Thatch build up will not become a problem if proper mowing techniques are followed. Set mower height at 2 ½ - 3 inches. Mow frequently so that no more than 1/3rd of the grass blade is removed by the mowing. It is also important to vary the pattern of mowing. Note that we do not collect the clippings when mowing the rec center. Periodic watering is all it takes to keep the lawn looking good. Our landscape contractor, Bluegrass Maintenance, mows once per week from May through September. As we saw last month, extended periods of rain can play havoc with the mowing schedule, and necessity will dictate doing a ‘quick and dirty’ mowing. It may not look great, areas will be missed, some trash containers won’t get emptied, but something is better than nothing. In general, Bluegrass does a good job. But nobody is perfect and the Landscape Committee is looking for a volunteer to monitor the weekly mowing and review the work performance with Bluegrass. If you are interested, please attend our next meeting at 7:30PM on Monday, September 11.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Landscape Committee has planned a mulch spreading ‘party’ for Saturday, August 11, at 8AM in the picnic area of the rec center. A truckload of mulch will be in the parking lot. Volunteers are needed to move it to the picnic table area and spread it. If you can spare a couple of hours for this project, please call the Committee Chairman at 281-463-7346 to volunteer.



Swimming Pool Committee

Meets every 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM

(Next committee meeting –August 2, 2007 7:30P.M.)



Our committee hopes all residents are having a wonderful summer and that you have had a chance to enjoy the new and improved pool. A big “Thank-you” goes out Craig Coleman for power washing both the swimming pool restrooms. We also welcome new swimming pool committee attendees Jim Griffeth, Bob Shortle and Bob Franknecht. Remember to bring your swimming pool id with you to the pool and obey the lifeguards. Have a safe summer and come and enjoy a cool dip in the neighborhood pool.

Rec Center Committee

Meets every 1st Monday at 7:30PM



Do you like to throw parties?

Are you a good planner?

Call the office at (281) 463-2624 if you would like to join the Rec Center Committee or just help with one of our events.

Next event: Halloween Party

Tennis Committee

Meets every 1st Wednesday at 8:00 PM

The Tennis Committee will be reviewing the budget for 2008 at its August meeting. We are intending to request the Board for funding to resurface and remark all four tennis courts which have not been done for 5 years. Residents are reminded that keys for the tennis courts are available from the DVCA office. Residents are requested to ensure that the gates are closed and locked after they finish playing tennis. This will help in minimizing vandalism to the courts and reducing their use by non residents.

MUD 136 BOARD REPORT—June 2007

By Jay Singleton, Secretary



It's Official! The District has changed from treating water with chlorine to treating it with chloramines (a combination of chlorine and ammonia). For those of you who are new residents and may have missed the original announcement, details about the change and the precautions to be taken can be found on the District's website www.hcmud136.org. This change in treatment is the first step in the conversion to surface water. Design of the pipeline to bring water to Deerfield is currently being done by the West Harris County Regional Water Authority. The District's engineer will soon start work on the design of the piping to connect the pipeline to our storage tanks. Final conversion to surface water is at least a year away.

The District's fiscal year runs from April 1 through the following March 31. State law requires that we have an outside auditing firm audit our books. The audit for fiscal year 2006-2007 has been completed and approved by the Board of Directors. It will be posted on the website. Other actions taken by the directors are detailed in the July meeting minutes that will be posted on the District web site.

Contact Information

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Meeting Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Board Trustee</u>	<u>Committee Chair</u>	<u>Phone</u>
<i>Community Services</i>	1st Monday	7:30 PM	Dan Karsten	OPEN	
<i>Deed Restrictions</i>	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	Carolyn Dinger	Robert Serradilla	281-550-9204
<i>DVCA Board</i>	4th Monday	7:30 PM	Glenn Sommers		
<i>Financial Services</i>	Tuesday before Board Meeting	7:30 PM	Bob Henry	Andrew Jackson	281-463-7665
<i>Landscape</i>	2nd Monday	7:30 PM	Mike Polk	Jay Singleton	281-463-7346
<i>MUD #136</i>	2nd Thursday	6:30 PM			
<i>Rec Center</i>	1st Monday	7:30 PM	Dennis Hughes	Rebecca Adams	281-463-2624
<i>Security</i>	2nd Tuesday	7:30 PM	Walt Bohn	Kirk Aden	281-855-7103
<i>Swim Pool</i>	1st Thursday	7:30 PM	Susan Greer	Peter Howell	281-463-1360
<i>Tennis</i>	1st Wednesday	8:00 PM	Marie Nugent	Mark Tinne	281-463-1258

DEERFIELD VILLAGE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



We have set the date for the 29th Annual Christmas Bazaar. This year's bazaar will be Friday, November 2nd and Saturday, November 3rd. We are looking for new talented bazaar participants. If you would like to earn some extra "Holiday" money and meet some fun Deerfield women, come check us out at our first or second meetings.

Our first meeting will be a fun pool & paint party at Sharon's house on Thursday, September 6th. We will kick off the year with a semi-work party at 7pm. For more information or directions, please call Sharon at 281-859-0174 or Connie at 281-463-0750.

Our three regular meetings will be September 17, October 11 and October 23 at the Deerfield Clubhouse. Our by-laws require that participants attend 3 meetings and work during the bazaar. Please call if this is something you would like to do. Hope to hear from you!

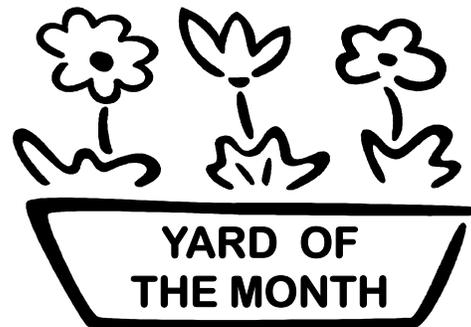
Security Stats for June 2007
 Constable Dispatch: 281-463-6666
 Contract # 87
 Harris County Precinct #5

ACTIVITIES	Total
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Accidents	0
Alarms	9
Assaults	0
Burglaries	1
Burg Motor Vehicle	3
Citizens Assistance	10
Citizens Contact	42
Criminal Arrests	0
Criminal Mischief	7
Disturbance Calls	16
Suspicious Vehicles	8
Suspicious Persons	1
Thefts	3
Traffic Citations	3
Traffic Warnings	6
Vacation Watch	66

Reminder: Constable Emergency telephone stickers are available at the DV Rec. Center office: 281-463-2624

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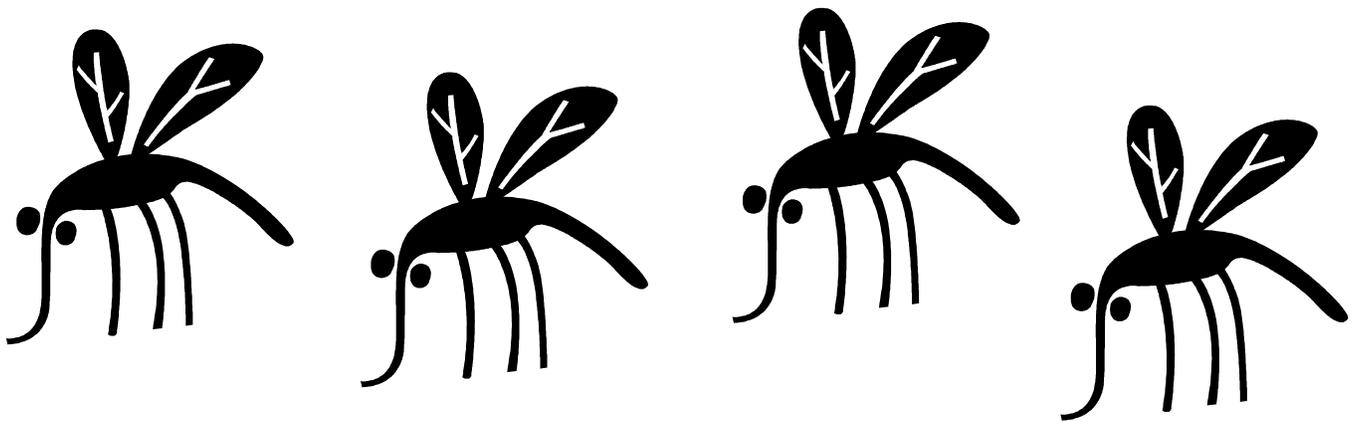


Office
 979-992-3815

Mosquito Spraying Pilot Program

Deerfield Village Community Association will conduct a 2 month Mosquito Control Program in August and September. The DVCA Board has approved up to \$3,500 to spray the residential area weekly, the greenbelt bi-weekly, and put tablets in the drains to control mosquito larva. The pilot program will go from August thru September and is in response to the various complaints about the mosquitoes.

There will be two meeting open to all residents to come and hear about the spraying and to hear resident's comments on the pilot programs success or failure. These comments will be critical input on whether mosquito control should be continued for the rest of 2007 and in 2008. The meetings are August 23 and Sept 20 at 7:30 PM at the Rec Center. There will be a survey in the September newsletter to solicit opinions. Residents can also e-mail comments to the Office Manger at deerfiled4@sbcgloabl.net.



Mosquito Control – What You Can Do

1. Wear long pants and long sleeved shirts when outdoors particularly at dawn and dusk.
2. Make sure screens on windows and doors are in good condition.
3. Use mosquito repellent when outdoors. Be sure to use according to the label - less than 10% DEET for children .
4. Eliminate standing water, containers of standing water, and blocked gutters from your property.
5. Maintain your swimming pools. Empty, turn over or cover children's swimming pools when not in use.
6. Keep birdbaths clean. Change the water at least once a week.
7. Report mosquito concerns to Harris Countol Mosquito Control at **(713)440-4800**
8. To control mosquitoes inside a house, use a "flying insect spray". Be sure to follow the directions on the label .



MAD SCIENCE CAMP

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THIS MONTH!

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Cy Springs High School Band to Sell Entertainment Books for Fundraiser

Houston (6/07) – Cy Springs High School Band is selling copies of the popular Entertainment 2007 coupon book to raise funds to offset the cost of needed supplies and equipment to allow the band to operate at a truly competitive level. The fundraising campaign will kick off **August 24, 2007** and continue through **September 14, 2007**.

Each Entertainment book contains thousands of dollars in 2-for-1 and up-to-50%-off discount offers from local and national restaurants, hotels and resorts, entertainment venues and much more. More than 8 million books are sold annually, with a cumulative total of billions of dollars in savings opportunities. More than 160 editions are available across the United States and Canada.

The Houston edition includes offers for, among others, Black-Eyed Pea, Target, Quizno's, Philly Connection, Radio Shack, Blockbuster Video, Casa Ole', Midas, Baskin Robbins, Domino's, Kroger, Randall's, LosTios, and Ninfa's.

Books cost **\$20.00**, with a portion of the proceeds from every book supporting **Cy Springs High School Band**. To order a copy of the Entertainment Book, contact Celeste Heath at 281-855-3608 or Patti Lozano at 281-463-6694 of the Cy Springs High School Band. Or buy online at www.entertainment.com/support. Please enter **603166** when prompted to support the Cy Springs Band.

Headquartered in Troy, Mich., Entertainment Publications is the world's leading marketer of coupon books, discounts and merchant promotions. The company's flagship product – the Entertainment Book – contains discount offers from local and national restaurants, hotels and other merchants specializing in leisure activities. Last year, Entertainment helped thousands of schools and community groups across the United States and Canada raise more than \$95 million for their causes.

Contact: Celeste Heath 281-855-3608



Aglow Lighthouse

The West Houston Aglow Lighthouse will meet
Thursday, August 16th at 10.00am

at the Clubhouse. It will be a time for women to fellowship in the Lord and listen to the testimony of our own Deerfield resident Kelly Lowry as she shows slides of her recent missionary trip to Mexico, to reach tribes that have not heard the name of Jesus. Come and hear about her and her companions' exciting adventures! The weekly bible study will continue with the "Portraits of Jesus" a look at the Jesus as King of kings as revealed in the Bible. For more information, call Christine Jackson 281-463-7665



Ladies Bible Study

Please come join us on
Wednesday mornings @ the Deerfield Clubhouse
 beginning on
September 12 at 9:30 a.m.



We will be doing "The Truth Project." Come and check it out. Breakfast will be served and you are invited. We would love to see you. For more information call Kelly @ 281.861.9455.

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DEERFIELD VILLAGE RESIDENT



MANAGER'S REPORT

Dear Residents,

I would like you to all be aware that Kinder Morgan will be setting up in the back of the neighborhood (near Wilson) to run some tests on some pipelines in our neighborhood. They will be running water through the pipes to test for leaks. They will be here for a month or more. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

VOLUNTEER! If you have not yet had the opportunity to volunteer for a committee, now is your chance. We have several different committees so that you can use your skills, talents, and interests accordingly. Please contact the office (281) 463-2624 if you are interested.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: Take a look at www.deerfieldvillage.net and let us know what you think. Any suggestions, comments, or ideas are welcome.

Have a wonderful rest of the summer!



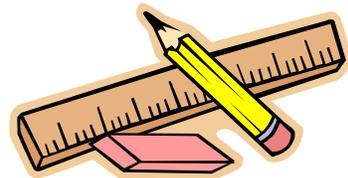
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2007 DEERFIELD VILLAGE
SWIM POOL HOURS



August 2007:

Day(s)	Pool Times
Monday 6th, 13th, 20th	5:00pm-8:00pm
Tuesday-Sunday Adult Swim	10:00am-11:00am
Tuesday-Sunday General Swim	11:00am-8:00pm
Monday the 27th	CLOSED
Tuesday-Friday (28th-31st)	5:00pm-8:00pm

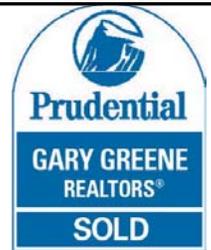
September 2007:

Day(s)	Pool Times
Saturday (1st), Sunday (2nd), & Labor Day	10:00am-8:00pm
Saturday, Sunday	10:00am-8:00pm
Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday-Friday	5:00pm-8:00pm

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- 16 Homes are for sale in Deerfield, from \$137,900 to \$269,900 with an average of \$67.13 / SqFt
- 5 Homes are Pending, from \$179,000 to \$259,900 with an average of \$71.26 / SqFt
- 5 Homes Sold between the end of May to the Middle of July, from \$150,500 to \$265,000
- These sales averaged \$70.27 / SqFt, showing a nice jump in Price/SqFt this summer
- The average Days on the Market for these sales was 44, ranging from 10 to 65

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